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VA announces new SES, associate director

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Doug Bowers

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Doug Bowers was recently appointed to the Senior Executive Service and designated the next Air Vehicles Associate Director.

As VA Associate Director, Bowers will be responsible for fully coordinating the technical research performed at VA with other AFRL directorates and the Air Force as well as the Army and Navy. He will also work with non-military federal organizations such as the FAA and NASA and private industry. Some of the areas covered by this technology development include turbine engines, air vehicles, power, high-speed propulsion, and rotary wing aircraft.

Prior to the appointment, Bowers was VA's special assistant to the director of air platforms. He began his career at VA as an engineer developing airframe propulsion integration technology designing air intakes and exhaust nozzles for advanced aircraft and missiles. Systems he supported include the C-17, F-15E, F-15 STOL Maneuver Technology Demonstrator, B-1, and F-22.

"Everyone here (at AFRL) has the Air Force at heart," Bowers said. "We can point to our technologies on current aircraft. It is very exciting. There is much happening that is so important for the future."

Bowers' education includes a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from Purdue University, a master's degree in aerospace engineering from The Ohio State University, and a master's degree in engineering management from the University of Dayton.

His work experience includes a variety of positions including the Acting Director of AFRL's Human Resources Office where he was asked to bring a common sense approach to HR strategy, policy guidance, functions and processes. Following that position, Bowers managed AFRL's Wright Research Site, an 85-person organization providing common support functions to all five of AFRL's Wright Patterson based directorates.

In addition, he served as chief of the aeronautical sciences division within AFRL/VA, and served as the sole Air Force representative to the Presidential Commission on the Future of the United States Aerospace Industry. While on the commission, Bowers developed products for the president and congress and interfaced with many of the federal agencies in Washington. @

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the S&E Immersion Program where all the Team Eglin partners involved in the joint venture will receive information on how the lab works and what it is doing. To gain a better understanding of how technology ideas make it to the field, other Team Eglin members will see how programs like Massive Ordnance Air Blast (MOAB) were executed as well as seeing some projects still in the concept pipeline. @